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<b>AQUEOUS SYSTEMS</b>	)	

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed in the above application on January 26, 2007. Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. Filed concurrently herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer which disclaims over two U.S. patents (U.S. Pat. No. 6,565,868 and U.S. Pat. No. 6,641,828) together with a Statement under 37 C. F. R. 3.73(b). Authorization for payment for fees pursuant to the Terminal Disclaimer is included in this submission.

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 2 of this Response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 3 of this Response.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this Response.

CERTIFICATE OF SUBMISSION

I hereby certify that in accordance with standard business practice, this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being submitted on the date shown below to the United States Patent and Trademark Office via EFS-Web.

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